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Re: Petition of MCI WorldCom to Enforce Interconnection Agreement
Docket No. 99-00662

Dear Jon:

As evidenced by the signatures of counsel below, BellSouth and MCI WorldCom have agreed that the cross-examination of witnesses in the above-captioned matter may be conducted through depositions and that the depositions will be introduced into the record as evidence in lieu of direct cross-examination. The parties also agree that, as normally occurs in depositions, the witnesses will answer all questions which do not violate any applicable privilege and any objections to questions will be preserved on the record for a later ruling, if necessary, by the Hearing Officer.

The witnesses scheduled to be deposed are Ron Martinez and Dan Aronson for MCI WorldCom and Jerry Hendrix and David P. Scollard for BellSouth. The parties are now in the process of scheduling those depositions and will inform you of the dates.

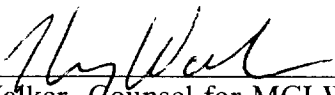
This agreement moots BellSouth's October 10 "Motion to Reschedule Hearing Date."

The parties ask that you approve this agreed procedure in lieu of the live presentation of witnesses. The parties anticipate that there will still be a short proceeding for the introduction of prefiled testimony and the deposition transcript followed by the filing of post hearing briefs. We will be glad to work with you in setting a date for this proceeding.


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Respectfully submitted,

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